



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND
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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

May 13, 2013
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sherman Boone Tracy Miller
Roger Duncan Ed Perry

Board Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio III Arby Hoobyar
Lisa Funk Tom Orvis
John Herlihy Wayne Zipser

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Absent
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Absent Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present
Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:

Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Public Works
Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner's Office Tim Pelican, Ag Commissioner's Office
Dan Bernaciak, Ag Commissioner's Office

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

It was noted that there was not a quorum and that the remainder of the agenda will be for information purposes only.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE February 4, 2013 MEETING

Dispense with approval of minutes as there was no quorum.

IV. WALNUT ORDINANCE SURVEY

The Ag Commissioner's office shared the results from a recent walnut theft ordinance questionnaire sent to the walnut growers in Stanislaus County. The survey shows that there is a substantial number of producers getting walnuts stolen each harvest

season. A large percentage of producers believe that roadside buyers and their customers are in need of further regulatory oversight. There seems to be a closer split between those who believe a new ordinance would or would not be of any help to control thefts. Also, a substantial number of those against an ordinance are opposed to any new regulations being passed. A copy of the walnut theft ordinance information shall be attached to these minutes.

V. GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE - Update

Milton O'Haire provided a brief update on the groundwater ordinance stating the workgroup has met three times and the draft has gone through several changes. He provided an outreach time line as follows:

5/28-Draft ordinance provided to workgroup
6/03-Workgroup closure meeting
6/10-Ordinance presented to the Ag Advisory Board
7/11-Meet with City managers
7/24-Water Summit
September-presentation to the Board of Supervisors

VI. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Groundwater Ordinance
- ✓ Election Nominations
- ✓ Ag Element
- ✓ Discuss changing the meeting start time

Please contact Milton O'Haire or Susan Azevedo with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Boone adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner's Office
Stanislaus County